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# H. R. 6918

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAWTHORN (for himself and Mr. GOOD of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Publicity for Ter-  
5 rorists Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT OR RESOURCES**  
2 **TO DESIGNATED FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGA-**  
3 **NIZATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2339B of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(3) SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any social media plat-  
10 form that becomes aware that certain users  
11 have an account or are actively using the plat-  
12 form shall remove such certain users account  
13 within 24 hours of becoming aware of such cer-  
14 tain users.

15 “(B) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Any  
16 social media platform required to file a quar-  
17 terly report under section 13 or 15(d) of the  
18 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.  
19 78m; 78o(d)) shall certify in such report that  
20 such social media platform is in compliance  
21 with subparagraph (A).”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) in the header, by striking “CIVIL PEN-  
24 ALTY” and inserting “PENALTIES”;

25 (B) by striking “Any financial institution”  
26 and inserting:

1 “(1) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—Any financial  
2 institution”;

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
4 paragraph:

5 “(2) SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.—

6 “(A) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any social media  
7 platform that knowingly fails to comply with  
8 subsection (a)(3) shall be subject to a civil pen-  
9 alty in an amount of \$50,000 per violation.

10 “(B) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—In the case of  
11 any social media platform required to file a  
12 quarterly report under section 13 or 15(d) of  
13 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15  
14 U.S.C. 78m; 78o(d)) that fails to comply with  
15 subsection (a)(3), any principal financial officer,  
16 chief accounting officer, chief operating officer,  
17 chief executive officer of such social media plat-  
18 form and the individual who signs such report  
19 who knowingly so failed to comply with sub-  
20 section (a)(3) shall be fined under this title or  
21 imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.”;

22 and

23 (D) in subsection (g)—

24 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking “;  
25 and” and inserting a semicolon;

1 (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking the  
2 period at the end and inserting “; and”;  
3 and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(7) the term ‘actively using’ includes using or  
7 posting on a social media platform;

8 “(8) the term ‘certain user’ means an individual  
9 designated as a specially designated national pursu-  
10 ant to the designation process established by Execu-  
11 tive Order 13224, titled ‘Blocking Property and Pro-  
12 hibiting Transactions with Persons who Commit,  
13 Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism’ pub-  
14 lished on September 23, 2001;

15 “(9) the term ‘social media platform’—

16 “(A) means a website or other internet me-  
17 dium, including a mobile application, that—

18 “(i) permits an individual or entity to  
19 create an account or profile for the pur-  
20 pose of generating, sharing, and viewing  
21 user-generated content through such ac-  
22 count or profile;

23 “(ii) enables one or more users to  
24 generate content that can be viewed by  
25 other users of the medium; and

1 “(iii) enables users to view content  
2 generated by other users of the medium;  
3 and

4 “(B) does not include—

5 “(i) any such website or other internet  
6 medium that serves fewer than 100,000  
7 users who access their account or profile at  
8 least once a month;

9 “(ii) an email program, email dis-  
10 tribution list, or multi-person text message  
11 group;

12 “(iii) a website or other internet me-  
13 dium that is primarily for the purpose of  
14 internet commerce;

15 “(iv) a software application (including  
16 a mobile application) used solely to com-  
17 municate with others through instant mes-  
18 sages, audio calls, video calls, or any com-  
19 bination thereof; or

20 “(v) a website or other internet me-  
21 dium the primary purpose of which is—

22 “(I) to allow users to post prod-  
23 uct reviews, business reviews, or travel  
24 information and reviews; or

1                                   “(II) to provide emergency alert  
2                                   services.”.

3           (b) SEC REGULATIONS.—Not later than 60 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Securities  
5 and Exchange Commission shall issue such rules and up-  
6 date such forms as the Commission determines may be  
7 necessary to carry out the certifications under paragraph  
8 (3)(B) of section 2339B(a) of title 18, United States  
9 Code, as added by this subsection.

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